

news & notes

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Two major groups planning 2006 reunions at Air Force's national museum

Two historically significant groups are planning reunions at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in 2006.



A museum exhibit portrays the Doolittle Raiders mission that took place in April 1942.

The museum will host the Doolittle Raiders for their 64th reunion April 17-21. Several public events are planned, including a wreath-laying ceremony, autograph sessions and a lecture and dinner with the Raiders. (Note: A cost is associated with the lecture and dinner.)

For additional information about the Doolittle Raiders reunion, please visit <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/ac/pg000501.htm> or call (937) 255-8046, Ext. 490.

Vietnam prisoners of war will visit the museum May 4-6. The

group's reunion coincides with the retirement of the C-141 "Hanoi Taxi," the aircraft that repatriated more than 500 American POWs held in North Vietnam. The aircraft is scheduled to arrive at the museum on May 6. Continue to watch the museum web site, <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum>, for updates.

reunion info

The Doolittle Raiders reunion is scheduled for April 17-21, 2006.

The NAM POW reunion will take place May 4-6, 2006.

F-117 pilot to speak January 25

F-117 pilot Lt. Col. Dale Zelko will reflect on his experience as the only stealth fighter mission shot down in combat during a presentation at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.



Lt. Col. Zelko

A command pilot with more than 3,000 hours in fighters and fighter trainers, Lt. Col. Zelko has flown more than 1,700 hours as an instructor pilot and flight examiner and has more than 100 hours of F-117 combat in Operations Desert Storm and Allied Force. Currently, he serves as deputy chief of the System Support Division, Directorate of Requirements, Headquarters Air Combat Command.

Lt. Col. Zelko's presentation is part of the Wings & Things Guest Lecture Series. The lecture takes place in the museum's Carney Auditorium. Admission is free and doors open at 6:30 p.m. For additional information about the lecture series, please call (937) 255-8046, Ext. 312. To suggest a potential lecturer, please send an e-mail to nationalmuseum.mup@wpafb.af.mil.

Family Day activities offered monthly

Each month, the Education Division of the National Museum of the United States Air Force offers Family Day for children ages 3-13 and their families. This month's Family Day is scheduled for Jan. 21.

Programs include a fast-paced family tour of the museum, storytime for preschool through second-grade children, and hands-on demonstration stations located throughout the museum. This month's activities include learning about controlled flight while building and flying a paper airplane and landing a model aircraft hanging from a string.

To find out more about Family Day, please visit <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/edu/pg008.htm>.

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Jan. 13 & 20 • Behind the Scenes Tour

Jan. 21 • Family Day

Jan. 25 • Wings & Things Guest Lecture Series

Feb. 10 & 17 • Behind the Scenes Tour

Feb. 11 • USAF Band of Flight Concert

Feb. 18 • Family Day

For a complete list of museum events, please visit <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/pa/06events.pdf>.

final note: The museum is less crowded in January and February, making those months a good time to visit.